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Amendment Dated August 23, 2005
Response To Office Action Dated March 21, 2005

REMARKS

The pending application was filed on August 15, 2003 with claims 1-17. The Examiner issued a Non-Final Office Action dated November 1, 2004 rejecting claims 1-17. A response was filed in which claims 1-8, 12 and 16 were canceled and arguments were presented differentiating the claimed invention from the cited references. The Examiner issued a Final Office Action dated March 21, 2005 in which the Examiner rejected claims 9-11, 13-15 and 17. An RCE was filed, and the Examiner has requested that the following changes be made to place the application in a condition for allowance.

Claims 9 and 15 have been amended to more accurately claim the invention, as previously set forth. The specification has been amended to accurately describe the C-Stage fuel injectors 49. Figure 1 has been amended to identify the C-Stage fuel injectors already shown in Figure 1. The Undersigned Representative believes that this paper places the application in a condition for allowance, as indicated by the Examiner. Therefore, the Examiner is respectfully requested to issue a Notice of Allowance for all pending claims 9-11, 13-15 and 17.

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CONCLUSION

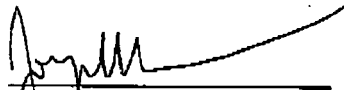
Claims 9-11, 13-15 and 17 define patentable subject matter and are thus allowable.

The undersigned representative thanks the Examiner for examining this application.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is necessary in order to place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

No fees are believed due; however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0951.

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